

HONORING MR. JOHN GREGORY
ROVEDA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative PETE STARK, to honor the extraordinary life of Mr. John Gregory Roveda of Alameda, California. A lifelong Bay Area resident and significant leader in our community, John passed away in his home on June 4, 2008.

Mr. Roveda was born February 19, 1938 in Richmond, California. He graduated from the esteemed St. Mary's College High School in Berkeley in 1955, and then went on to attend the University of San Francisco (USF). There he became a founding member of the Gamma Omicron chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, International Business Fraternity. John was also involved in the Army ROTC program at USF. In 1961, John graduated with a degree in Business Administration and went on to attend the New York Institute of Finance, where he completed coursework in stock exchange and brokerage office procedure, and worked as a stockbroker.

Upon returning to the Bay Area, John joined his family's business, United Beverage Distributors, Inc., located in Oakland, California. His grandfather, Joseph Roveda, founded the company in 1933, making John the third generation Roveda to become president of the family business.

In 1990 John was admitted to the California State Bar and began to practice law in Alameda. He periodically served as Judge Pro Tempore, and in 1997 was qualified as an attorney and counselor of the United States Supreme Court. In addition, he was a member of the Italian American Bar Association.

Mr. Roveda was extremely dedicated to his community, and to the successful growth of the Greater Bay Area.

He served as president of the Athenian-Nile Club as well as the Alameda Boys and Girls Club. He was a member of the Design Review Board and Planning Board for the city of Alameda and a committee member of the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Roveda's involvement spans a long list of other organizations including the One-Hundred Club, Alameda Elks Lodge, the Rotary Club of Alameda, the Porsche Club of America, UNICO, and the Oakland Council of the Navy League.

A true Bay Area resident, Mr. Roveda had a lifelong love of the ocean and sailed in the Trans Pacific Yacht Race in 1975. He served as commodore of the Golden Gate Yacht Club and was a member of the Encinal Yacht Club. Mr. Roveda also participated in the Newport-to-Ensenada Yacht Race annually.

An energetic attorney, businessman, and family man, Mr. Roveda had an inexhaustible spirit and was widely known for his humor and joy for life in our community. Mr. Roveda will be sorely missed. However, we are thankful for the opportunities he gave us to come together and celebrate the hope and love in our lives.

John was a dedicated father, husband, and friend to many. Today, California's 9th and 13th Congressional Districts salute and honor Mr. John Gregory Roveda. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, especially

his wife of 28 years, Judith, his four children, Christine, Michelle, Jay, and John, his sons-in-law Matthew and Andrew, his nephew Stephen, and his granddaughters Hayley and Evelyn. His legacy will surely carry on through the lives of his loving family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO MORNING STAR
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

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Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church on celebrating 50 years in Tucson, AZ.

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church was founded and organized by the Reverend Charlie Hunter, August 1958 in Tucson, Arizona, who served in this capacity until the 70s.

Morning Star became a steadfast church in the midst of Tucson's Southside. Members of the Hunter Family and others stood with Reverend Hunter including, Everline Hunter, Leroy Hunter, Sr., Beulah Hunter, Charles W. Hunter, Lorece Hunter, L.B. Hunter, George Hunter, Rosie Hunter, Sister Brown, Linnie Burns, Reverend and Sister Barnes, Orvie Thomas and Florence Hill in establishing the church's foundation.

In 1978, the church expanded its responsibility and established a Head Start center, helping to provide a strong foundation for the children in the community.

Over the last 50 years, Morning Star has worked to help those in need of counseling, resources, support, or the needs of the families of the community.

Morning Star has strived to be more than just a church, it has worked hard to make itself a community and home; a place where people can find help, love, and family in a time of need.

I commend the congregation and leadership at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church for their work to ensure the successes over the last 50 years.

Morning Star is a testament to the very best in all of us.

THE MINNEAPOLIS INTERSTATE
35W BRIDGE COLLAPSE

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, last August 1, 2007, at 6:05 p.m., the Interstate 35W Bridge in Minneapolis, Minnesota collapsed into the Mississippi River killing 13 people and injuring nearly 100 people. The 13 victims were mothers, fathers, children, workers, good people, each and all.

I ask my fellow colleagues to recognize a brief moment of silence to honor the victims and families of the tragic bridge collapse.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4040,
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, today I rise in strong support of the conference report agreed to by House and Senate negotiators on H.R. 4040, "The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008." The final version of this Act will institute long-needed reforms to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, require toys and infant products to be tested before they are sold, ban lead and 6 toxins categorized as "phthalates" in children's toys, and provide other critical safety improvements.

This bipartisan and bicameral compromise dramatically improves the House version of the bill and adopts the vast majority of the provisions found in the much stronger Senate bill. Such robust provisions are a prudent response to the regulatory embarrassment our nation suffered in 2007, when almost 30 million toys and 15 million child products were recalled because of safety concerns. By acting today, we will ensure that our nation's mothers and fathers will never have to suffer through another year filled with such terror and uncertainty.

I have long been a supporter of strengthening the Consumer Product Safety Commission, so that it can finally serve as the first line of citizen product safety defense. Over the past three months, I have joined with a coalition of my fellow Members on two separate occasions to advocate for the strong consumer protection provisions included in this legislation.

After today, the Consumer Product Safety Commission will cease to exist as a ghost regulator; starved of the resources, authority, and transparency that an effective regulator needs. With this bill, this long-running frustration of Congressional intent will finally end.

A vote for this conference report is a vote for industry accountability, regulatory integrity, and most importantly, child safety. I encourage my colleagues to support this conference report.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAUK COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S STEWARDSHIP OF THE MAN MOUND

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sauk County Historical Society for 100 years of stewardship of the Man Mound. Built to resemble a human figure and measuring over 200 feet in length, the Man Mound is now believed to be our Nation's only remaining Native American effigy mound in the shape of a human. The Sauk County Historical Society has fought for over a century to protect the Man Mound, and the remarkable survival of this relic can be largely attributed to those efforts. The historical society's work on